

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 2 is a block diagram showing the construction of a main portion of the electronic camera of Fig. 1A and Fig. 1B. ~~Where~~ When the ~~selector-select~~ switch 7 is operated to the photographing mode, the imaging portion 1 starts forming an image when the release button 12 is half pressed, and the image taken by the photographing lens 11 is converted into electric signals by means of CCD (photoelectric converting device) that is not shown in the figure, and received by a control portion 5 that performs image processing and others, through a sampling hold circuit and AD converter that are not shown in the figure. The control portion 5 incorporates a buffer (not shown) for temporarily storing the image that has been just photographed, and displays the image in the display portion 4. The control portion 5 also performs image processing, such as JPEG compression, with respect to an image taken at the point of time when the release button 12 is fully pressed, and the processed image is recorded in the memory portion 6. The control portion 5 consists of a microprocessor and peripheral equipment, and performs the above-described image processing and other controls of the electronic camera.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Where~~ When the select switch 7 is operated to the reproduction mode, the control portion 5 reads the image recorded in the memory portion 6, and displays the image in the display portion 4. ~~Where~~ When the select switch 7 is operated to the pen input mode, the movement trail of the pen detected by the pen input detecting portion 2 is displayed in the display portion 4 irrespective of whether the photographed image is displayed in the display portion 4 or not. When the photographed image is displayed in the display portion 4, therefore, the trail of the pen-shaped pointer 3 is displayed as it is superposed on the photographed image.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

When the pen input data are stored in the memory portion 6 in step S14, the input data are related to the photographed image data previously stored in the memory portion 6. ~~Where~~ When the photographed image data is given a name "950831000010", for example, the pen input data may be given a file name "950831000011". With the pen input data related to the photographed image data, both of these data can be superposed on each other again and displayed when they are reproduced later or when the data are transferred to an external computer to be further processed. Upon completion of the processing of step S14, the control flow goes back to step S1 and then ~~proceed~~ proceeds to step S1A to place the camera on standby for the operation by the user. Namely, the initial screen is displayed on the display ~~device~~ portion 4 while waiting for the operation to half press the release button 12.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Where~~ When the release button 12 is kept fully pressed after the release button 12 is fully pressed, the camera is automatically switched to a condition in which data can be entered with the pen, thus eliminating a need to operate the select switch 7 to switch the modes before the data entry is effected. As a result the operability is improved. Further, the pen input function is automatically turned OFF once the user releases the hand from the release button upon completion of the data entry with the pen, thus allowing the user to prepare for the next photographing immediately after the pen data entry, and eliminating a possibility of missing a chance to release the shutter. Namely, according to the first embodiment, the pen input function can be selectively turned ON or not by selecting whether the release button 12 that is always operated upon photographing is kept operated or not, thereby eliminating a possibility for the user to hesitate as to how to operate, and thus assuring improved operating efficiency. While the pen is

employed as input means, it may be replaced by other input means, such as a trackball or a mouse.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In step S56, it is determined whether a predetermined period of time (e.g., 1 to 2 seconds) has elapsed since the reproduction display started in step S54. Upon a lapse of the predetermined time, the control flow goes to step S57 to determine whether the release flag is ON or not. ~~Where~~ When the release flag is ON, which means that the release button 12 is kept being pressed, the control flow goes to step S58 to actuate the pen input function, and steps S58 to S63 are subsequently executed to effect the same processing as conducted in steps S9 to S14 of Fig. 3.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 5 to 9 are rear elevational views of an electronic camera according to the third embodiment. The same reference numerals as used in Fig. 1A are used for identifying corresponding elements. As shown in Fig. 5, the electronic camera of the third embodiment does not have the select switch 7 shown in Fig. 1A, but instead includes touch switches for effecting switching of various modes. The touch switches are constructed by combining the pen input detecting portion 2 with the display portion 4 and a display sheet representing the functions of the switch that are provided below the detecting portion 2. It is to be noted that the release button 12, recording ~~switch~~ button 13 and a power supply switch that is not shown are provided in the form of mechanical switches as used in the first embodiment, rather than in the form of touch switches. The electronic camera of the third embodiment is provided with an optical finder 14 that is located apart from the display portion 4. A block diagram showing the construction of the main portion of the electronic camera is the same as that of Fig. 2, except for the absence of the select switch 7 and addition of the recording ~~switch~~ button 13.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

When the menu button 25 is pressed, the display ~~screen 5 displays~~ portion 4 displays a screen as shown in Fig. 5 that allows selection of modes. In this display, indications 28-30 represent touch switches 28-30 for selecting respective modes, which switches consist of the indications and portions of the pen input detecting portion 2 that correspond to these indications. In this condition, if any one of the touch switches 28-30 in the display portion 4 is selected by the pen-shaped pointer 3 and the DEFINED button 26 is pressed, the selected mode is stored in the memory portion 6 or the like, and the mode is switched to the selected one. To the contrary, the selection is cancelled if the CLEAR button 27 is pressed.